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In re Application of: )  
Shirou SUZUKI ) Group Art Unit: 2643  
Application No.: 09/189,637 ) Examiner: L. S. Lao  
Filed: November 10, 1998 )  
For: NOISE REDUCTION )  
APPARATUS AND NOISE )  
REDUCTION METHOD )

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**REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION**

In reply to the Office Action dated September 13, 2002 (Paper No. 12), the period for reply having been extended for one (1) month by a request for extension and fee payment concurrently filed with this Request for Reconsideration, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration in view of the following remarks:

**REMARKS**

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1, 4-8, and 10-12 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as anticipated by U.S. Patent 4,185,168 ("*Graupe*"). The Examiner also rejected claims 2, 3, and 9 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a). Claims 2 and 9 were rejected as unpatentable over *Graupe* in view of U.S. Patent 5,170,437 ("*Strahm*"), and claim 3 was rejected as unpatentable over *Graupe* in view of U.S. Patent 5,253,299 ("*Ishida*").

Applicant respectfully traverses these rejections because the cited references fail to

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